They are however often necessary to private persons for information regarding the existence of cart-tracks, the source of water-supply, etc., and if they are treated as confidential documents they will be deprived of this useful source of information.

The majority of the members stated that copies might be granted with a certificate that the accuracy of the record could not be guaranteed as, if the parties did not obtain the copies, they got the originals summoned by the civil courts and had them filed as exhibits.

Reply of Government.—The rules will be revised so as to authorize the grant of copies of these documents. It is to be understood that this does not imply any guarantee of the correctness of the statements or facts recorded in them.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Abolition of the Survey Department.

Mr. D. S. Hanumanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The abolition of the Survey Department may well be effected in connection with the present retrenchment scheme, the savings of nearly two lakhs of rupees thereby made being better utilised for other purposes in the interests of the raiyats. The Shekdars, Taluk Mojanidars and District Surveyors may be deputed to attend to the *phod* work and other survey operations.

The assessment now fixed should be made permanent and a permanent settlement introduced. All the survey records may then be given to the Deputy Commissioners and they will be able to get any necessary changes made in them with the aid of District Surveyors and Mojanidars.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

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SUBJECT No. 126.

Sandal trees on occupied lands.

Messrs. Mudvira Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk; Seenappa, Bagepalli Taluk; Vine Rangaswamiengar, Seringapatam Taluk; Linge Gowda, Madappa, Mysore Taluk; Davood Sab, Timma Setti, Mudgere Taluk; K. Rangappa, Holalkere Taluk; Mudlagiri Rao, Jagalur Taluk; Venkata Subbaiya, Surya Narayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk; Padmarajaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk; A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, and Kesaviengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The grant to occupants of half the profits arising from the sale of sandal trees in private holdings will be profitable to Government and save the owners from the fear of malicious prosecutions.

The right of the occupant to sandal trees on his holding may be recognized as in British Indian territory.

Sandal trees in occupied lands will thrive well if increased attention is paid to them by the occupant. At present the raiyats wilfully neglect their growth as they are the monopoly of Government. If a share of the profit derived from sandal trees be given to the occupants, they will be encouraged to pay more attention to their growth with the result that the revenue under this head will gradually increase.

A fourth of the realizations from the sale of sandal trees may be ordered to be given to occupants as it will